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**Sent:** 7/13/2017 5:06:38 PM  
**To:** **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**  
**Subject:** RE: In Regards to the Dewey-Burdock Uranium Project

Thank you for emailing me your comments on the draft UIC Dewey-Burdock permitting actions. I have added your email to the list of public comments received. I have also added you to my contact list to keep you informed on future EPA activities related to these proposed actions.

Thank you!

*Valois*

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 3:33 PM  
**To:** Shea, Valois <Shea.Valois@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** In Regards to the Dewey-Burdock Uranium Project

Dear Shea,

Thank you for the opportunity to exercise my freedom of speech.

Please take into consideration my concerns regarding the Dewey-Burdock Uranium Project that is currently under question in Black Hills (South Dakota).

It has come to my attention that this project will entail drilling into locations that are sacred to the Sioux people. Since 2015, the Sioux people have been voicing their concerns about the Uranium Project and for good reason!

Azarga Uranium states multiple times throughout their official report that "potential impacts" are "small". It took thousands of years for these natural landmarks to form and their structural integrity will be compromised by these intrusive drilling methods. Although the structures will still exist and there is a high chance that everything will work out as "planned" it doesn't necessarily mean that we should go through with the project. Just because one can doesn't mean that one should. Furthermore, injecting radioactive materials into the earth near a source of clean water leaves room for potential contamination. Clean water is a resource that should not be taken for granted.

It is not only a matter of damaging lands that can't be replaced. We must also take into consideration the negative effects that the project can have on the surrounding populations. There are several risks listed in the official report, two of which stand out to me. The first is stated as follows:

Because there will have been no well field scale pilot testing completed prior to construction of a full production facility, there is a risk that the total resource recovered, presently projected based on laboratory studies, may be overestimated. (133).

It is not worth risking our health and earth for something that might see results. If they are going to compromise sacred lands and increase the chance for health risks of individuals they should make sure their output is going to be worth it.

Second, "accidents" and "product spillage" was also a concern. Accidents happen, and we cannot have our lands polluted with toxic waste. Especially lands that are visited and honored regularly. Nuclear waste has the ability to cause major damage to the human body resulting in death.

It is now that we must come together and work towards creating a better world that relies on alternative forms of energy. There are alternatives to uranium that are safer and just as profitable.

We need to protect our resources not only for their cultural and historical relevance but out of respect for what a gift it is to be alive and for our future generations.

Thank you again for your time and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

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